

Shelter in Place

Chemical Emergency... Where to Go? What to Do?



1. Go Indoors Immediately.
Remain Calm.



2. Close doors and windows.



3. Shut off heaters, air conditioners and swamp coolers. Close fireplace dampers. Tape plastic over all vents.



4. Other precautions to consider:
cover nose and mouth with
wet cloth, seal windows with
tape or wet cloth.



5. Listen to 580 AM-KMJ or
KSKS 93.7 FM or local
television stations.



6. Wait for additional instructions.
Following an "all clear"
message, air out your home.

Although the chance of a significant chemical release is small, the possible health effects could be serious. Therefore, it is important for you to know what to do. These chemical releases can occur quickly. For the first few minutes of an emergency, you will be on your own and you will need to rely on your senses.

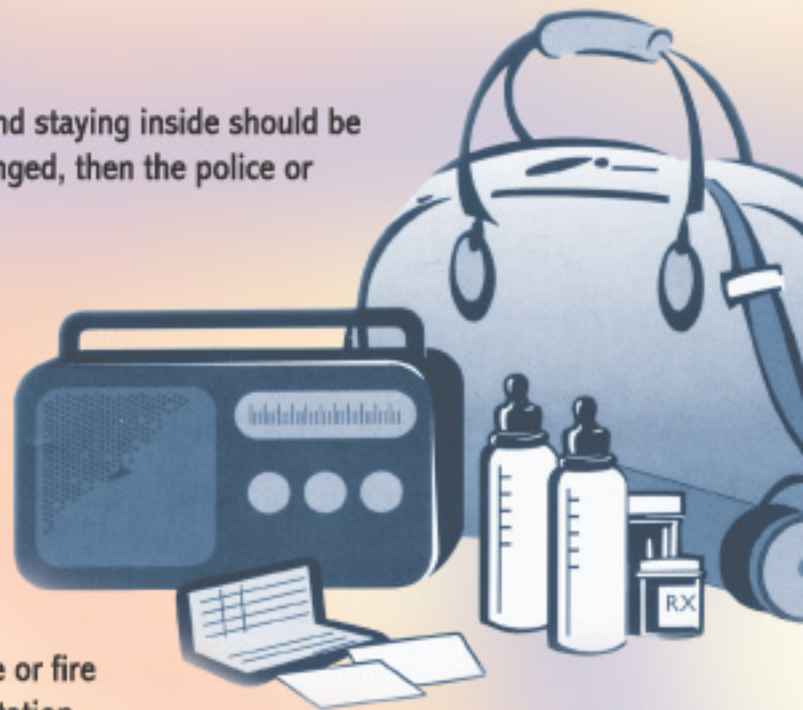
If you are outdoors and you smell a strong chemical odor, protect yourself by immediately going inside the nearest building, home or vehicle.

This is called **Shelter in Place** and is the best way to protect yourself and your family in the event of a chemical release. This works because the outside air does not mix quickly with the air in these spaces when they are closed or sealed. Shelter in Place protects you from the most toxic vapors as the cloud passes.

Evacuation

Most chemical releases will last only a few minutes and staying inside should be adequate for your protection. If the release is prolonged, then the police or fire department may order evacuation.

1. Evacuate only at the direction of police or fire officers; or
2. Follow directions of Emergency Alert System or your local television station.
3. If evacuating, pack only what you need—clothes, medicine, baby supplies, portable radio, flashlight, checkbook, credit cards.
4. Evacuate only by streets advised by the police or fire department, radio station or local television station.



When Shelter is not Readily Available

Remember, a shelter can be your home, a place of business or an enclosed vehicle. If you are outdoors without access to a shelter, move cross wind (in a direction so the wind is blowing from your left to right or vice versa, but not into your face or from behind). This offers the best advantage for getting out of the path of the release.



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